

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 1st March 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see everybody return after the half-term break well-rested and happy to get back into their learning. This is a short half-term, but is really packed, so as you know, every day counts! Due to being unwell, I did not get the Team Points counted before the half-term break, my apologies. Team points for Spring 1st half-term were: **Beagle 331**; **Britannia 269**; **Castorama 317** and **Endurance 237**. **Well done to the winning team - Beagle!** Due to us having several non-uniform days this half-term, children in Beagle team can come to school in their team colour of green on the last Friday of the half-term (22nd March). As you know, **Thursday 7th March is World Book Day**, so as usual children can come to school dressed as a children's book character and be prepared to talk about who they are dressed as.

Upcoming Events next week

See Diary Dates for details.....

- 5th March - Year 6 Crucial Crew Event at Letton Hall.
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 8th March - Non Uniform Day - details in this newsletter (PTFA).



Attendance Awards - w/e 16/02/24

Class	%
Hedgehogs	97.22
Squirrels	99.05
Foxes	96.8
Otters	95.56
Whole School	97.02

Well done to:
Squirrels for achieving
the highest attendance
the week before half
term break.
Keep it up!



Reminders and Information.....

Congratulations

Well done to **Lily** for achieving the **Lunchtime Award** this week.

Well done to **Izabel, Freya, Esme and Macie** for earning their pen licenses!

Thank you for your generous support with the sponsored read. Please make sure you return all forms and sponsor money to the office if you have not already done so.

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March - dress as a children's book character.

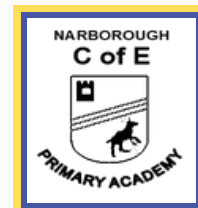
PTFA Easter donations is on Friday 8th March - for a donation of an Easter Egg the children can come to school in non-uniform. All donations of Easter Eggs will be gratefully received - even if children still want to wear their uniform.

Comic Relief is on Friday 15th March - for a £1 donation children can wear their uniform and one item of red. This year, the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.

Wednesday 13th March is our class and Year 6 Leavers photographs.

Friday 22nd March - you are invited to our Parents' Cafes where you can come in for refreshments whilst joining your children in class. Also, after school the usual PTFA sweet stall.

A reminder that our **Easter Church Service** is on Wednesday 27th March at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you at Narborough All Saints Church to celebrate this important celebration.



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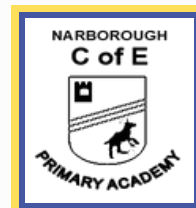
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Hedgehogs Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Elizabeth	reading every day over the half-term break. Keep up the excellent commitment to your reading.
Writer of the week	Brodee	writing a super act file about lions.
Mathematician of the week	Renesmee	finding different ways to make 9 or 10 using the dominoes.
Shining Light	Kitt	adapting well to our new member of staff and making her feel so welcome.
Reads at home	Well done to:	Matilda for achieving 25 reads. Lilly for achieving 100 reads at home.

Squirrels Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Ethan	reading and spelling words with split diagraphs, independently.
Writer of the week	Isla	retaining information and recognising sentence types in English lessons.
Mathematician of the week	Danny	showing incredible multiplication and division knowledge throughout the maths topic.
Shining Light	Reggie	showing resilience and enthusiasm in all subjects.
Tackling Tables		None this week keep practising Squirrels.
Reads at home	Well done to:	Charlotte, Avaya and Jaxson



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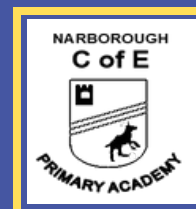
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Foxes Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Finley	Using context clues to find the meaning of new words
Writer of the week	Scarlett	Finding and using magic vocabulary for her Greek Myth
Mathematician of the week	Megan	Remembering and using knowledge of equivalent lengths
Shining Light	James	A fantastic attitude to learning all week.
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Chloe, Harrison and Megan
Reads at home	Well done to:	Bobby, Khloe, Chloe and Scarlett

Otters Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Sophie	Constructing excellent answers using PEE (Point, Evidence and Explain)
Writer of the week	Theo T	independently writing his concluding paragraph to his non-chronological report, and working incredibly hard on his handwriting.
Mathematician of the week	Ashden	his amazing work on ratio this week.
Shining Light	Freya	consistently working hard in all subjects, and always being kind and respectful to others.
Tackling Tables	Well done to:	Logan and Elsie for earning tackling tables certificates this week.
Reads at home	Well done to:	25 reads: Oscar 50 reads: Esme, Logan, Oscar 100 reads: Ashden, Sophie and Archie



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Help with online safety::



The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/Reporting-an-incident/>



See these links for further information, games and tips:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/
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Safeguarding

Thank you for responding to the questions about online safety. Across the Federation, we had 49 responses with most people saying that they are feeling quite confident but that any information is helpful.

People felt that this column is helpful as follows: Strongly agree: 15 Agree: 23

10 said they didn't know whether it was useful or not and 1 parent disagreed that it was helpful.

The things that Parents/Carers requested were:

Keeping up to date with new apps/platforms or stories online and to ensure parental controls are on.

For my child to be aware of the dangers/repercussions of poor online safety behaviours and choices. Please see this link for lots of information on chat apps:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....

A big thank you to everyone who filled in our Parents/Carers Annual survey - we really appreciate your time.

You will receive a breakdown of the survey and a the areas for action and the actions we have or are taking next week.

In summary, the vast majority were very positive, with some lovely comments; thank you for taking the time to write those. 3 were not as positive, and I have followed up one issue and will follow up with another family. One was anonymous and so I am unable to follow up, which is a concern as we cannot help that situation if we do not know who it is that is unhappy.

Letting you all know what your children is learning has come out as a strength, with 100% of families in agreement, which is excellent as this has been an area for development in the past.

Everyone bar one parent felt there is a good range of subjects available.

The only suggestion for improvement outside the three families that I will follow up with was to try hard to share more photos about what the children are doing on Dojo. This is something we talked about at the last Parents/Carers' Forum and something we would like to do, but require investment in our ICT to enable us to do this. We will keep trying to find a way to achieve this.

There were 16 responses, which is not a huge sample, and I would be grateful to hear from more people so that I know we are getting an accurate representation.

Narborough Parent/Teacher/Friend Association (PTFA)

8th March is Non Uniform Day. Please come to school in appropriate clothing and bring an Easter Egg donation for a future fundraising event.

20th March we are holding an Easter coffee afternoon. Please come along from 2.30pm onwards in the school hall. There will be refreshments, an Easter Egg tombola and cake raffle.

Thank you for your continued support.

Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for all our homes and families.

I also wish that we can help homeless people by giving them some food, water and homes.

Amen

By Paige - Year 5 Otters



Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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